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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.  
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## FIRE, AND LIKE AS OF FIRE

### We Want the Presence of God All Times and in All Places.

The Signs Are Encouraging and According to Scripture.

The word "fire" is extensively used in the Bible. It is expressive of heat, light and the presence of God. It is used both literally and symbolically. It is necessary to know the subject in order to determine as to whether it is that which consumes, or is like the fire in the bush that attracted Moses and caused him to "turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt."

It is interesting to remember that through faith the violence of fire was quenched, as in the case of the three Hebrew children in the furnace of fire, and in these days by men, women and children handling fire and feeling no hurt, but it is also interesting to think of the many times God has manifested His presence to His people by the appearance of fire that does not consume.

A reasonable amount of the common fire under control is a necessity to our comfort and welfare in the world, but the same kind of fire in excess and not under control is both uncomfortable and destructive.

But the common fire that consumes is not what we wish to consider except a brief reference on account of so many of our people that have had sufficient faith to quench its violence so they have handled it without feeling any hurt. This may be ridiculed by our opposers, but there is something about it that often brings conviction to the hearts of sinners as they look upon our people and their glowing expression as they handle the blaze or live coals.

Often in the times of the patriarchs and prophets their sacrifices were consumed on their altars by a supernatural fire. And God manifested His wrath, sometimes, in sending forth a consuming fire, as in the case of Nadab and Abihu who offered strange fire before the Lord, and fire went out from the Lord and devoured them.

When God wanted to take

Elijah to heaven without him having to go through the grave He sent after him a chariot and horses of fire. When this chariot of fire reached Elijah he stepped in, and the way he went, while Elisha, his companion, gazed upon it with amazement and wonder.

Then when God wanted to protect Elisha when the great army of the Syrians had surrounded the town of Dothan where he was located, He sent horses and chariots of fire so that the mountain was full of these fiery protectors round about the man of God.

There is another kind of fire that is mentioned. It is called "Everlasting fire and hell fire." Math. 18:9, And is not quenched. Mark 9:43-48. It is into this kind of fire that the wicked are to be commanded depart. Math. 25:41. This is the kind of fire that is going to receive into its fiery embrace the fearful, the unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters and all liars. This is the fire that is to be dreaded more than any other.

The kind of fire that is designated by the term "Like as of fire," is always welcome and joyfully received. This kind usually denotes the presence of God. John the Baptist declared that Jesus would baptize the people with the Holy Ghost and fire, and this was witnessed on the day of Pentecost when it is said, "There appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." Acts 2:3.

This "like as of fire" has been witnessed in hundreds of instances in the last ten years. There is always a glory that accompanies this kind of an experience. And we are always delighted to find ourselves in such favor with God that He can manifest His presence with us by this kind of fire. Our annual Assemblies have been won-

derfully blest in the past by a manifestation of this kind, showing the presence of God, and the one just closed was not without this kind of a witness. We want the presence of God at all times and in all places, but it gives us special delight to know of God's presence being so wonderful where we are specially engaged in digging out the truth to put in operation the great system after the order of the early church.

It was the sign of the fire that led the church in the wilderness and it was a means of protection from their enemies. It was the sign of fire that rested upon the one hundred and twenty humble followers when the early church was set in motion and blazed so wonderfully from the very beginning. It is now the sign of fire in our midst that gives us such great encouragement and assurance as the Church of God is once more claiming everything that belongs to it in the order of signs, wonders and power, and signs are encouraging and according to Scripture.

Surely God was pleased with us in the great Assembly. And I can hardly conceive how a person could oppose the Church of God when God Himself sets His approval upon it in such a marked degree as to let the fire of His presence play over us and around us as was the case at the Twelfth Annual Assembly. Surely God was in our midst. I can never express to Him my gratitude for His wonderful presence. Language can never express the glory and the feelings while we were wrapt in the beautiful flames of His presence.

I never could understand before how He would make His ministers a flame of fire (Heb. 1:7). And I may not fully understand it yet, but it seems that I have caught a glimpse of something that it is scarcely lawful to utter. When this comes to pass as has been partially demonstrated it will surely time for us to feel like taking our shoes from off of our feet and treading our pathway softly. As I write a peculiar feeling creeps over me. I fear God and tremble at His Word.

What this means is unknown to me just now, but

## At the General Assembly

There appeared quite a sentiment favoring some advanced steps toward the propagation of foreign mission work. While we have been doing some foreign work, yet it was felt that the matter needs more attention and greater efforts made to get more of our people on foreign soil to proclaim the full gospel in other lands as well as in the United States.

We ought to have missionaries in Central America, in the Canal Zone, and South America, as well as Cuba, Haiti; and a number of the other Islands known as the Greater Antilles and Lesser Antilles that extend on down to South America.

I think we have a brother almost ready to start to Central America, and a sister to South America. We ought to have some body preparing for some of the Islands below the Bahamas. I wonder who is willing to go and carry the glad news to some of these needy places?

The Assembly decided to recall the plan adopted a few years ago to raise money for foreign missions, and adopted the following system: Every church is to take a special collection for foreign missions on the second Sunday of every other month.

### Remarks on Foreign Missionary Work at 12th Assembly

Howard Juillerat  
I feel like this subject is one in which we are failing to do our duty. We are not doing all we can do.

They say our pastors cannot be supported if we give our money to foreign missions,

there is surely something just ahead. I must keep humble. And beloved, you must keep humble. There must be advancements made, and I tremble for those who may oppose. Easily entreated is a mark of the wisdom that comes from above (Jas. 3:17) that is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, full of mercy and good fruits. The time is fast approaching, apparently, when God will answer by fire when it becomes necessary to vindicate His cause and put down that which is detrimental to the best interests of the great Church of God and her glorious power and authority.

I want to stand approved

beginning with the second Sunday of January 1917. The collections to be sent to the Evangel office and reported in the Evangel. The Evangel office is made missionary treasurer.

And if anything should occur that prevents any church from taking the collection on the second Sunday of the months, they should do it the next Sunday or a Sunday that meets their convenience.

This plan of action for the churches does not prevent any offerings or donations from individuals or Sunday schools.

Every Sunday school should be urged to take an interest in mission work, and the children taught to give for this special cause. Sunday schools most always prosper better when they lend a helping hand to mission work. The superintendents can take this in hand if they wish to do so.

How we will rejoice at the next Assembly if we can report churches in some of the above mentioned fields. I believe we can do this if we all work to this end.

Following is a short discourse by the chairman of the Foreign Mission committee when he gave his report to the Assembly.

but I declare to you that the Apostolic Church was a missionary church and Paul was a missionary, and if he had not gone when he heard the call to Macedonia the  
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of God and ready to move at His command. There is much ahead, and we must go to it even if some of us fall in the battle. I feel we are going too slow. More laborers ought to be on the field, having the flame experience that burns through every opposing force and pulls the sinners and backsliders out of the fire hating the very garments spotted by the flesh.

Beloved, let us get the flame and push into the battle with more courage, zeal and boldness, and rescue the people that are about to drop into hell. Some of them are in your own home, and some are our near relatives and friends. Help us Lord!



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**Arjay, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—  
Greetings in Jesus' dear name.

I am praising God for saving, sanctifying and filling with the precious Holy Ghost my husband, myself and two of my little children. We belong to the dear old Church of God, and take the Lord for our healer. I am not afraid to trust Him when we get sick. Thank God for victory in my soul.

We had an all day meeting at Strait Creek last Sunday. Brother P. F. Fritz preached for us, and the Lord sure did bless and give us a feast of good things. Had some bright testimonies, and some good interpretations.

We are so sorry to give up brother Fritz as our pastor. While we don't understand why God has called him away, yet there may be some one else who needs him more than we do. He has been a good pastor for the church at Blanche, Ky., and has done a good work there. We praise God that He sent him here. Many little children have received the Holy Ghost since he has been here. It makes us feel sad to know he is going to leave us, as he will be greatly missed. I pray that God will bless him and his boy, Harold, on the battle field for Jesus.

I want the dear saints to pray for my husband and me, that we may stay in the very center of God's will.

Your sister in Christ,  
Mrs. Lizzie Higdon.

**Variella, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:  
I praise God because He

saved, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost four years ago last June. I praise Him for His healing power.

I praise Him for the real Church of God and because I am a member. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. There are only a few Pentecostal people here but we are standing against the devil. I had rather go through this world on bread and water and have Jesus in my soul than to have wealth in this world and be lost in the end.

Oh, how I want to be in a real pentecostal meeting. I want every saint to pray God to send a preacher here. This gospel must be preached all over the world. Glory to God.

Pray for me that I may stay humble and live the life till Jesus comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,

Mrs. Lona Fultz.

**Oakdale, Tenn.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

Will write a few lines to the Evangel for the first time.

Wish to ask every true child of God for me that I may be sanctified and receive the Holy Ghost, also pray for Oakdale, that God will send us a revival. We are anxious for a man of God to come and preach the Word in all its purity. Have had a test of false preachers, who injure the cause of Christ. I will be glad to do all I can that we might have a revival here, and will gladly welcome any Church of God preacher to come and hold a meeting for us. We need the gospel preached in its fulness. So ask that you pray that God will send us a preacher, as we want to have a church and Sunday school.

God bless all the Church of God people. I love them all. God be with you all till we meet again.

Your sister in Christ,  
Maggie Morgan.

**Istachatta, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I praise God for saving and sanctifying me, and I want the prayers of all that I may receive the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord for ever showing me where I was standing in this dark world of sins, and because I humbled myself at Jesus' feet and cried for mercy. Glory to God, I have found a better life. He can keep us from sinning.

We are having some nice prayer meetings and it makes us rejoice to see how wonderfully God does work.

Don't forget to pray for me,  
Franklin Lowman.

**Morgantown, Miss.**

Dear Sir:

I have been reading the Evangel for some time, and find it food to my soul. I think it the best paper I ever read. I am always glad when our paper comes.

I ask the saints to pray for husband and me that we may grow stronger in the faith of our Lord and King, and that we may bring our little children up in the fear of God.

Am so glad the Lord saw fit to send brother Evans back to Mississippi. I think he and family have done some good work for the Lord the last month. May his followers never turn back, but go all the way with Jesus, is my earnest prayer.

Your sister in Christ,  
I. L. Morgan.

**Charlotte, Tenn.**

Bear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I want to praise God this morning for all His goodness. Praise Him for the experience I have this morning. Am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Praise Him because He gives me power to overcome, and that the way is so clean that no trash will stick to it.

I want all the saints to pray for me that I may stay in the center of God's will.

Your brother in Christ,  
T. M. Sensing.

**Raiford, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' name:

I am still on victory side. The people are getting saved and filled with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence.

Last Sunday I baptized ten, eight of them had received the Holy Ghost. I ask the prayers of all the saints for the people in this community.

Your humble servant,  
H. J. Thomas.

**Clifty, Tenn.**

To Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I request that all the saints everywhere pray for my little son who is reel footed, on Sunday December 3.

I know the Lord can straighten his feet and believe He will hear the prayers of His people.

Yours,  
Mrs. E. A. Kidwell.

**Another One Gone**

A. B. Adams, one of our ministers, departed this life at Jacksonville, Ala. on the 18th inst. His remains was taken to Coffeville Miss., his

former home, for interment. M. S. Lemons was called to conduct the funeral service.

Brother Adams was at the Assembly, but he was not well and remained only a few days. He returned to his family who were in Louisiana where they had been engaged in evangelistic services. A few days later brother Adams with his family came to Jacksonville Ala. where they expected to engage in revival services. But his health did not improve but rather grew worse until the last.

His wife and other relatives have our sympathy in these hours of bereavement. But they do not sorrow as those having no hope for the departed gave evidence of having passed to a better world than this to await the resurrection morning.

**Safety Harbor, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—

Greetings in Jesus' name: I am praising God for perfect victory over the enemy. It is about twenty-five miles to the nearest Church of God and I haven't heard a sermon preached since August and I want all the saints to help me pray that the Lord will send some one here full of the Holy Ghost to preach to these people. There are some honest hearts here and I am so hungry to hear the Word preached.

Your unworthy sister,  
Janie Dillon.

**Lyons, Ga.**

Editor Church of God Evangel:

We have just closed a week's meeting and God wonderfully showed His power. Some call it the new religion, but we call it the "old time religion." We praise God for that way.

In the Holy Scriptures the Lord says "that the hungry shall be filled," and "The meek shall inherit the earth."

We have waded out ankle deep, and we are working to wade out waist deep.

We know the devil is busy for he knows his time is short.

Fraternally yours,  
B. M. Hall.

**REPORT**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We have just closed a few days' meeting at Crab Orchard, Tenn. Two saved, two sanctified, one baptized with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church and several healed for which we praise the Lord.

Pray for us,  
Mrs. B. L. Shepherd.

**NOTICE**

To All the Churches in North Carolina:

I am now on the work as your overeer, and I want to reach each and every church as soon as I can, and by the help of the Lord do all I can for every one. I am asking each pastor and evangelist and clerk to write to me and give me all the information and needs of your church and keep me posted from time to time. Would be glad if each preacher would drop me a letter or a card once a week.

I am praying the dear Lord to send more preachers and workers into North Carolina. Do come and help us dear workers.

May the dear Lord bless us all and make us a blessing. I am at Turtle Town. My headquarters will be Gastonia, N. C.

Your humble servant in Jesus,

W. A. Capshaw,  
Gastonia, N. C.

**Walden, Ky.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I am praising the blessed Savior for full and free salvation. I have been saved four weeks and I wouldn't give those four weeks that I have been serving the Lord for all my past life. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus.

Pray for me that I may be a shining light and also pray for my father that he may come in before it is too late.

Your sister in Jesus,  
Mertie Hickey.

**Brewster, Fla.**

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I praise God for the fold. He keeps me every day. He keeps me every day by His power. I feel more determined to go through with Him than ever before. The Lord is still blessing His true children.

I am so glad we can trust Jesus for all things. Glory to God.

E. C. Childers.

**Long Island Bahamas**

Dear Brother Tomlinson—  
Greeting in Jesus' dear name:

I am still on the "hallelujah side." There are four in my home who are saved. My wife, myself and son and daughter.

We still want to follow Jesus all the way. So pray for us, that God will keep us to the end.

Your brother in Jesus,  
James Haden.



## EXPERIMENTAL RELIGION

A Religious Profession With no Personal Experience of Saving Grace is Worthless.

Sam C. Perry.

The normal conditions of Christian living brings a consciousness of God's grace to the heart of the believer, in some degree or other. If there is no sensible feeling of God's grace or presence in the soul it must be that something is wrong, through disobedience, neglect or otherwise communication with the Lord has been broken. It may be that through excessive labors or when weary or in certain conditions of body we may feel so sensibly the presence of the Spirit, but if we keep up our prayers and praises, and live faithfully, the life He has mapped out, there should be no very long intermission without feeling His peace and rest in soul. If we allow too much of this interruption though, we may drift far away from the Lord before we are aware, so it is best to watch and pray and keep our bearings. If you go too long without private devotions and reading and meditating in the Word of the Lord it will be to the hurt of your Christian experience. If we would have His perfect peace we must keep our mind stayed upon Him. Or again Saint Paul exhorts to "pray without ceasing." Jesus Himself said "if ye abide in me and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." And there are many other expressions which describes the Christian's fixed condition in God, such as "dwell," "remain," "continue," "follow on." To learn how to do this is the great secret of having a good experience of God's saving grace and keeping power.

It should be remembered that this continued experience in the heart is our great protection against the evils that are without. While the great river of God's presence is flowing through the heart all Satan's rubbish and trash will be easily swept away. Satan does not find an easy prey those who, full of the Spirit, go marching along with victory all the time. This kind are they who are a terror to him and his cause and kingdom. Before he can do anything with them he must find some way to undermine their experience and bring them under his control. But this he accomplishes easily if he may only get their minds off the Lord and His Word. So whatever attractions or al-

lurement he can employ to accomplish this task is brought to bear upon his prey, nor does he always confine his operations to things that are considered worldly or wicked in their nature, but if he can employ things that seem religious and apparently good, his purpose is better served.

The enemy of souls has gotten to be quite a preacher and teacher of religion, and many of his doctrines and teachings seem so reasonable and so near like the Scriptures, that it takes close living to God and a careful application to the Word of God at all times to keep out of his snares, and maintain our good experience of blessing and victory.

Indeed Satan is such a good and clear manipulator that he has many good people deceived and following his incantations. We believe that there are great numbers who are continuing to profess and claim full salvation who have long since lost the joy and sweetness of the experience, although they still keep up the form with a wonderful degree of perfection. How could it be otherwise when there is division, tattling, back-biting, self-will, pride, anger, malice etc. among those who can shout, testify, and some times talk in tongues? For we know that people who practice these things cannot have the sweet experience of salvation in the heart, not until they repent anyway.

But thanks be unto God there is an experience of saving and keeping power where the heart is kept consciously in the love of God, and in that heart there are none of these things, but a continual holding to and walking with Christ the Saviour who loves completely.

God has no favorites, all who will meet His conditions may enjoy these experiences of grace where there is continued, unbroken, fellowship with God through the Spirit.

It is a close walk, no time for careless, negligent living, but a careful, prayerful, obedient following on to know our God at all times, but taking time always to be sure that we are living in the Word of God which is the man of our council.

Manring, Tenn.

Do you believe that the gospel, with its ordinances

and power to be the same today as in apostolic days?

If so, could we claim to live in the full light of the gospel and leave off some of its ordinances and power?

If not, by whom and what authority has it been changed?

If some assert that the apostolic power was given to prove to the world that they were right does not the world need it today seeing there are one hundred "isms" to where there was one in those days?

The Lord taught His followers that except they do his commandments they could not be his disciples, can we hope to be and do only a part of them?

If Jesus "did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth" "and left us an example that we should walk in his steps." Can we follow that example and sin a little more or less every day.

If the bodies of God's children is His temple, and Paul declares that his temple is holy, how say some that they are sinful?

If those bodies are full of sin as some assert, why did Paul say "that every sin man doeth is without the body?"

If a Saviour's logic "makes a tree good" is correct how say some that those that are saved are yet sinners?

If the blood of Jesus Christ does not cleanse us from sin, how are we benefited by His death?

If we were made sinners by the disobedience of Adam and righteous by the obedience of Christ, do we not gain in Christ what we lost in Adam?

If Jesus Christ does not save from sin how can it be said that He is an all-sufficient Saviour?

If from the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh "no fountain can bring forth sweet and bitter water," why claim to be God's children and bear sinful fruit?

If God's children sin a little more or less every day why did John say "that he that sinneth is of the devil" "he that sinneth hath not seen him neither known him" and "he that doeth righteousness is righteous even as He (Christ) is righteous?"

If as some assert that we can't be sanctified until the resurrection, why did Jude write his letter to them that are sanctified?

If as some assert that it is only the inward man that is holy why did Paul say "Present your bodies a living sacrifice holy acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service?"

If being sanctified by the

## The Preacher and His Work

M. R. R.

Two very important things are to be considered by the preacher who would be thoroughly efficient; these are manner and matter. We place manner first because oft times the speaker thus settles the case as to whether or not the minds of his hearers will be in a receptive attitude. If, on his entrance to the church he remembers "to keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God;" if he ascends the platform or goes into the pulpit in a reverent manner, the feeling of reverence will tone down any spirit of levity which may be apparent in the congregation. If after the old fashioned way, he bows at his seat for a little interview with the Lord a spirit of prayer will come to

blood of the Lord Jesus Christ makes holy, can you be sanctified and not be holy?

If people in this life can't be holy, why did Paul speak of the holy women of old and holy apostles and prophets?

We are commanded to cleanse our selves "From all filthiness of the flesh and spirit perfecting holiness in fear of the Lord," when we are thus cleansed are we yet sinners?

Respectfully,

S. A. Keller.

Blanche, Ky.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising the Lord this morning for this day when God is sending the evening light, and folks are going back and hunting the "old land marks." Glory to God!

The Lord is sure working here. Sick folks are being healed, hot lamp globes handled, the organ played under the power, and wonderful interpretations of the coming of Jesus. Bless His name.

I praise Him this morning for saving, sanctifying and the blessed Holy Ghost. Glory to His name. I want to ask all the saints to pray for us at Blanche, Ky., as we are left without a pastor, that God may help us to hold up this work, and press the battle harder than ever.

Your brother under the blood,  
Dan Cain.

Alpharetta, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I praise God for saving, sanctifying and filling me with the Holy Ghost. My heart is filled with joy since Jesus came to stay. I wish I had accepted Him sooner.

Pray for me that I may do the will of the Lord.

Your brother in Christ  
Jesus, Arthur Grant.

those who might not, otherwise remember that "without you can do nothing." It will be a silent but powerful call to prayer to the waiting saints.

Do not have a long introduction or many preliminaries. Especially about yourself. One great writer on preaching said "Begin with your best." Grip your audience from the start. Your theme of course, will be Christ, the Lord. But, of the many wondrous things which may be told of Him there is no end; but from whatever view-point you see fit by the aid of the Spirit to discuss the subject. Stick to your text or topics. Do not wander so far away that you for get where you started. Avoid all levity of speech or manner. By giving way to foolishness you lose your grip on God, your self and your audience. Avoid mimicry. You may get the name of being a good actor, but your acting will not be unto edification. Slang should have no place in the pulpit. Of the tens of thousands of good, pure English words there are plenty in which to express the thoughts of the best of us, when correctly and fittingly used. Sarcasm should be used very sparingly indeed. Elijah used it once to good effect, but there are not many Elijahs.

Stories and jokes about one's self are seldom in good taste. It has been said of a certain preacher "when he has finished telling all the stories about himself his sermon is done." Story telling is a gift which few can use to profit. It is the lazy man's hobby on which he rides through the hour, without very much brain work. Study the Word of God. Emphasize the word STUDY. Dig deep and deeper yet. There are treasures new and old which God never yet gave the lazy man after he took his place on the platform.

Let us beware of trying to steal other men's fire. Years ago it was said of some—"He tries to be a Moody;" later—"He tries to be a Sam Jones" and recently—"He is trying to be Billy Sunday." This shows great weakness indeed.

The grandest series of discourses ever heard by the writer were delivered without levity, without sarcasm, without mimicry, without slang, without self-laudation, or self-condemnation or self at all—but they were throbbing with the love, the truth, the glory and power of God,



Remarks on Foreign Missionary Work at the 12th Assembly.  
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gospel might never have come across the great Atlantic into America. He took trips by sea and by land, and walked when he could not ride.

We look out and see the great country of South America with about 50,000,000 population. Not one of our people has gone there. There are missionaries there but we don't know much about them.

They say they are Catholics but they are mostly baptized Pagans. Most of them speak the Spanish language.

I would be surprised if some here have not had a call to the foreign land.

God wants us to go into all the world. The twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew says, "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness and then shall the end come."

We are looking for the coming of Jesus, and we have got to work and carry this gospel to every nation.

Not much attention has been paid to foreign missions, but if we are going to be like the apostles we must get back to foreign missions.

God so loved the world; not the United States, not a little portion of the globe; but the whole world. We are but a small portion. If some of us were born in the wilds of South America, and never heard this gospel preached, we would be very thankful if some one would bring the glad tidings to us.

We have been here shouting, having a good time, and souls being blest. Every time a second goes by one soul drops into eternity. So while we are enjoying these blessings, let us think about our brothers and sisters across the water. We have been more favored by being born in a nation where this gospel is preached.

There are 7,648 members of Church of God, and only \$166.53 in the missionary treasury. I divided the number of dollars by the number of our people and this shows a little over two cents a year for missions. We ought to deny ourselves and give to this work.

Some people object to foreign missions. Others are going but are not preaching the whole gospel. Somebody must take the whole truth. God is going to honor those who say goodbye to America.

In Central America nearly all speak Spanish, which is an easy language to learn. We have crept over only a

few islands. I believe God would have us go forth and take them the full gospel.

A Few Thoughts

J. A. Giddens

"But why dost thou judge thy brother or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, as I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." Rom. 14:10-13.

I believe many in the Church of God have honestly been striving for unity, in doing what the Apostle warns against in the above text and so the opposite results has been obtained.

I must confess I tried it awhile, but saw my mistake and truly repented.

"Have fervent charity among yourself; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins." 1 Pet. 4:8. There are only two rules given in the Word of God, by which we may judge another, the first is found in Math. 7:17 "Ye shall know them by their fruits \*\*\* even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit." This applies to the outward life. The other applies to faith or belief, and is found in 1 John 4:1-3. Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know we the Spirit of God; every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God; and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God."

Now if people do not accept the atonement we have a perfect right to judge them as anti-Christians, it makes no difference how correct their outward life may be. But in judging and withdrawing fellowship because they do not see everything just as we do, is without authority from the Word of God. We had better be sure before we try to handle the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," and make an effort to lock some body out on earth who will still have access to heaven. To illustrate, a young pastor among us, went to an appointment and found that

some of his people had been to hear a missionary talk by one of another church. He called a conference, and because a brother very much older than he, would not promise that we would not do it again, he turned him out; a son of this man who had recently been saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost was wounded, and finally backslid. The father was restored to fellowship by the next pastor, because he was a faithful man with nothing against his moral character, but the poor boy is still out of the fold.

Much stress has been put on, "Seeing eye to eye," and speaking the same thing. That is not accomplished simply through the eye of the mind, but by the eye of faith, each one having "an eye single to the glory of God," and the "conversation (of each) being as becometh the children of God" "speaking to edification and not to destruction."

In holiness meetings of years ago, I have seen the sweetest unity prevailing among Christians of different denominations, why? Because they were together on the grand old doctrine of sanctification, all seeking the glory of God, and God was with them. I wish to use one incident to show how some people want you to see eye to eye with them. Some dear people came to the town near where I was living to hold a meeting, they were good people and God was with them. I entered the meeting with a purpose to do all I could to make it a success and that purpose continued to the end. One day after services we were sitting around, talking on the Scriptures and we soon found that we differed on some points, and he remarked, in a very decided manner "that was the reason that we could not have a meeting we were divided." I said, "now brother it is very clear to me you want others to see through your glasses, but they were not focused right for me; they were just a thousand years too old. In a sermon he had preached the day before on the second coming of Christ, he remarked that, "Jesus would catch away his saints, and keep them up there a thousand years and then he would come and take possession of the kingdom."

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tribulations I have gone through since I have been away from the dear saints.

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We moved over a hundred miles from the church and I have been among sinners ever since with no chance to go to meeting or to be with the saints but I have tried by the help of God to keep myself unspotted from the world. No one knows the lonely hours I have spent and the bitter tears I have shed when I remembered Zion.

My motive in writing these few lines is to ask the dear saints to pray a special prayer for me that I may be restored to the blessedness I once knew and that God will provide a way for me "to return to Zion with joy." I know that I love God and that His promises are true.

The Bible says that all things work together for good to them that love Lord and I know I shall be a better Christian for having borne these fiery trials. I humbly ask an interest in the prayers of those who have power with God in prayer that I may be what He wants me to be and may again have the privilege of being with the dear saints for I love the Church of God more than any thing in this world.

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